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HE2 (meaning a triglyceride of 1 saturated fatty acid of 16 or more carbon atoms and 2 trans- unsaturated fatty acids), and so on for other 3 letter codes.

Fat compositions can thus be characterised in containing certain weight percentages (based on the total amount of triglycerides) of triglycerides of the above codes.

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Although it is mentioned for E and U that they may have any length, it is to be understood that this relates to fatty acids of approx. 8-24 carbon atoms, and more usually 16-20 carbon atoms.

Summary of the invention

It has now been found that the objectives as given above may be met (at least in part) by a savoury food composition comprising 5-80% wt (preferably 10-70% wt, most preferably 15-50% wt) of triglycerides of fatty acids, 2-80% wt (preferably 5-70% wt, most preferably 10-60% wt) of an edible salt and which composition contains less than 15% wt (preferably less than 10% wt, more preferably even less than 5% wt) of water, wherein the amount of H3 (triglyceride of 3 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms) and H2U (triglyceride of 2 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms and one cis-unsaturated fatty acid) taken together is at least 55% wt based on the total amount of triglycerides, preferably at least 65% % wt based on the total amount of triglycerides. In other words: H3 + H2U ≥ 55%, preferably ≥ 65% wt, based on total triglycerides.

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This means that of the total amount of triglycerides present in the composition according to the invention at least 55% wt (preferably at least 20% wt) are triglycerides of fully saturated C16 and longer chains (e.g. C16, C18, C20, C22 and C24) and/or triglycerides containing one cisunsaturated fatty acid of any chain length and two saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms. In connection to this, it is believed that the dry and/or particulate and/or pasty savoury food compositions as currently on the market comparable to the compositions according to the invention contain about 30-50% of such H3 + H2U triglycerides as part of their fats.

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Following the invention, it is now possible to manufacture a savoury food composition comprising 5-70% wt of di- and/or triglycerides of fatty acids, 2-50% wt (preferably 5-40% wt) of an edible salt and which composition contains less than 15% wt of water (preferably less than 10% wt), wherein the triglycerides are selected such that they contain less than 5%, preferably less than 2% wt of trans-unsaturated fatty acids, and preferably having less than 10% wt (more preferably less than 3%, most preferably less than 0.5%) of lauric acid, and wherein the fats still have appropriate melting and crystallisation behaviour.



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CLAIMS

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- Savoury food composition comprising 5-80% wt (preferably 10-70% wt) of triglycerides of fatty acids, 2-80% wt (preferably 5-70%) of an edible salt and which composition contains less than 15% wt (preferably less than 10% wt) of water, wherein the amount of H3 (triglyceride of 3 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms) and H2U (triglyceride of 2 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms and 1 cisunsaturated fatty acid) taken together is at least 55% wt based on the total amount of triglycerides.
- 2. Composition according to claim 1 wherein said amount of H3 + H2U is at least 65% wt based on the total amount of triglycerides.
 - 3. Composition according to claim 1-2, wherein the amount of H3 (triglyceride of 3 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms) is at least 15% wt based on the total amount of triglycerides, preferably at least 20%.
 - 4. Composition according to claim 1-3, wherein the amount of H2U (triglyceride of 2 saturated fatty acids of 16 or more carbon atoms and 1 cis-unsaturated fatty acid) taken together is at least 40% wt based on the total amount of triglycerides.
 - 5. Composition according to claim 1-4, wherein the ratio H3 / H2U is between 0.5 and 1.2.
- 6. Composition according to claim 1-5, wherein the amount of H is between 60 and 75% wt based on total amount of fatty acids.
 - 7. Composition according to claim 1-6, wherein the amount of U is between 20 and 45% wt based on total amount of fatty acids.
- 30 8. Composition according to claim 1-7, wherein the amount of palmitic fatty acid (C16:0) based on the total amount of fatty acids is between 30 and 70% wt.
 - 9. Composition according to claim 1-10, wherein the composition is a pasty or particulate matter.

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- 10. Composition according to claim 9, wherein the particulate matter comprises flakes, granules, powder, cubes, pellets, tablets.
- 11. Composition according to claim 1-10, wherein the composition further comprises 0.1-50% wt of herbs and/or spices and/or tomato powder and/or vegetable pieces and/or monosodium glutamate.
 - 12. Composition according to claim 1-11, in the form of a particulate soup- or sauce concentrate, which yields a soup or sauce upon mixing and heating with an aqueous liquid.
 - 13. Composition according to claim 1-11, in the form of a bouillon or broth cube, which yields a bouillon or broth upon mixing and heating with an aqueous liquid.